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The man behind the books

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

Every now and then, a character comes along whose name is remembered long after they have passed.

Warren "Tward" Blackhurst was one of those characters.

Blackhurst is known for his books such as "Riders of the Flood" and "Sawdust in Your Eye," which tell about the history and people of Cass during the logging boom.

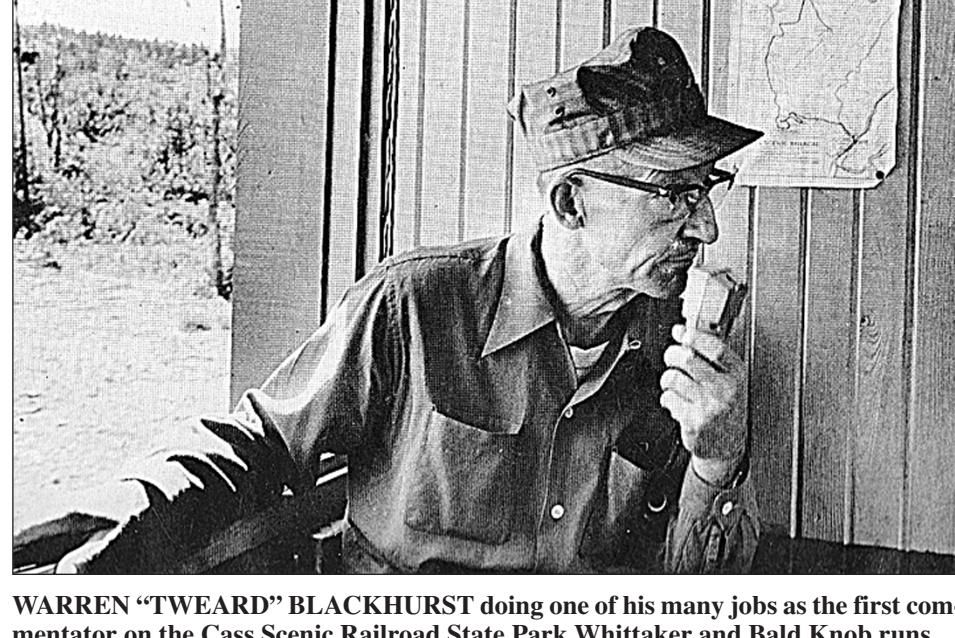
His writing career was just one part of the fascinating life led by the man called Tward. His life's story is kept alive by family members who inherited his zeal for storytelling – including his great-nephew, Bob Sheets, of Green Bank.

Blackhurst was the sixth child of Rev. Harry Blackhurst and Lula May Burner, and the first of their 11 children to be born in Arbovale in Pocahontas County. His five older siblings were born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the five younger ones were born in Cass.

Many of the children were given nicknames, including Harry, who was known as Buzz; and Homer, who was known as Butter. Tward got his nickname from his sister, Liz.

The family was sitting around the dinner table when Liz spoke up about Warren not having a nickname.

"I guess they were just

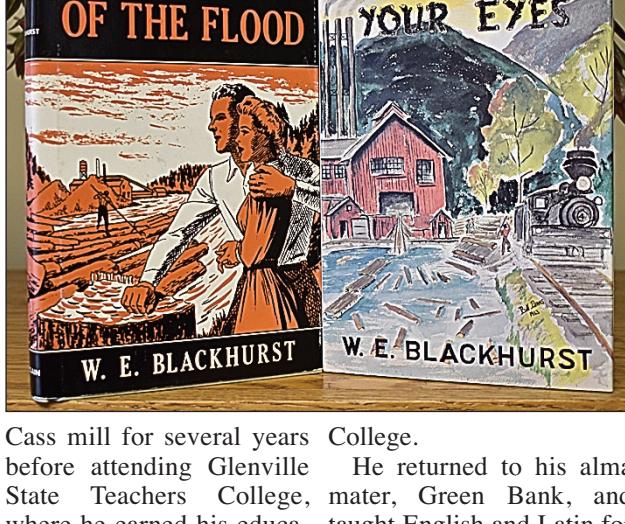


WARREN "TWEARD" BLACKHURST doing one of his many jobs as the first commentator on the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Whittaker and Bald Knob runs.

AT RIGHT, TWO of Blackhurst's six books "Riders of the Flood" and "Sawdust in Your Eyes" depict life in the town of Cass during the logging boom. Blackhurst drew inspiration from the people of Cass and his personal experiences working in the Cass mill.

talking and Liz said, 'everybody at the table's got a nickname except you, Warren, and you're just weird,'" Sheets said. "She had a lisp. She had a bit of a speech impediment, and it came out Tward, and it stuck. From then on, he was Tward."

Tward attended Cass Graded School and graduated from Green Bank High School. He worked at the



Cass mill for several years before attending Glenville State Teachers College, where he earned his education degree. He also took classes at West Virginia University and Davis & Elkins

College. He returned to his alma mater, Green Bank, and taught English and Latin for 32 years.

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that he doesn't want to post the position until the board has reviewed the proposal and agrees with what the officers will be asked to do at the schools.

Beam added that the vetting process for hiring an officer will be strict because if the board agrees that the officer should be armed, Beam said they want to make sure the armed individual is properly trained.

"Our intent is to try to find a retired officer that already has the training and has a permit to carry a gun," he said. "We're not just going to hire a civilian and put a gun on their side and say, 'you're a security officer.' It's not going to be that way."

The board discussed the issue and approved to post two positions for PRO officers and agreed that the officers should be allowed to carry a gun.

In updates:

- Ruth Bland gave an update on the preschool program and explained the process of placing students there.

Bland said preschool application will be March 1 see BOE pg 5

Children on the frontier

Melody Phillips
Staff Writer

An average size family on the frontier consisted of seven to 10 children. Having children meant more hands to help and more men for the militia. A small homestead of 200 to 800 acres generally needed about nine adults to keep crops growing and harvested on time.

Due to many factors, such as illness, infection, attacks, etc., only half of the children born on the frontier survived to maturity.

Compassion for children was well-practiced on the frontier. There was one story about a man walking down the road and when passing a woman with a baby asked if he could hold the child for just a moment. Although the mother was hesitant she eventually handed the baby to the man. The gentleman

held the baby close to his chest for a few minutes before handing it back. With tears running down his face he placed a few gold nuggets in the baby's blanket to help care of it.

Parents loved their children very much and knew how to raise them in the art of "being loved, not pampered," and "tenderness but not softness." Children learned that work and responsibilities were just a part of life, as were looking out for each other and helping those in need without expecting anything in return.

It was not uncommon for unsupervised eight year olds, with guns, to be carrying large pails to get water from the creek or fending off wild animals to protect the livestock.

Children started working as soon as they were able. They were assigned chores matching their ability and

size. Most of the chores were not seen as boy or girl specific things with the exceptions that boys usually learned barrel making and horse shoeing, while girls cared for younger siblings, and worked at sewing and spinning wool.

Even toddlers could help out by rocking a baby to sleep.

By the age of four or five, young girls began to learn how to shear sheep, prep wool for spinning and how to sew and knit. They made clothing and bed sheets to keep the family warm in the winter.

Boys learned to make shingles and helped split wood. A young boy also became a henchman for his dad when he went out hunting. If a pond was nearby while they were out, the young fellow might catch fish to help feed the family.

If fences and buildings



needed to be built or mended, all the children took part in the work.

Until the children learned how to feed the animals, they learned how to make and store hay, and gather fresh fruits and vegetables for both family and animals.

Children from five to seven years old would clean,

milk the cows and make butter,

make candles, draw

water from the creek, gather

stones for building, tend the fire, help with harvest, and keep the farm animals out of the crops.

All these skills were essential to life.

As hard as all this sounds, kids were kids and knew how to turn many of their chores into games.

Who could shear the sheep the fastest with the most accuracy?

Older girls honed their skills of cooking, spinning

wool, sewing, knitting, preserving food and making soap.

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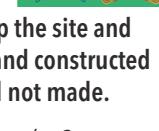
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McCuskey introduces legislation to ban Countries of Concern from tax sales

West Virginia State Auditor JB McCuskey has introduced legislation to protect West Virginians and their property from a growing threat. Nationals from the People's Republic of China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, North Korea and others on the State Department's Countries of Concern list, will be banned from buying natural resources, farmland and property, under the Auditor's new legislation. West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt supports this bill and has joined Auditor McCuskey to encourage lawmakers to pass the legislation.

"As many work to try to build a globalist society, it has never been more important to protect domestic energy production and our domestic food supply chains," McCuskey said. "There are no protections in place right now to prevent the Chinese, Russian or Saudi Arabian governments from purchasing property or mineral interests in West Virginia. These governments have proven themselves to be enemies of American prosperity, thus it is our duty to ensure that they cannot leverage our own assets against us. The legislation I am proposing takes a preemptive step to protect our property and our people."

As Auditor, McCuskey is also the land commissioner for the state of West Virginia and conducts the property tax sales for real estate and mineral interests.



State Auditor JB McCuskey

"As we continue to battle supply chain issues, rising energy prices and out of control inflation, we need to be thoroughly aware of who is investing in American owned assets," Commissioner Leonhardt said. "Agriculture is a prime target by bad foreign actors, and they will do anything to steal, copy or divert resources that benefit their own country. We have grave concerns regarding the future of American farmland and this bill is a step in the right direction in protecting our nation's interest."

U.S. Department of Agriculture data shows Chinese ownership of United States

farmland went from \$81 million in 2010 to \$1.8 billion in 2020, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Senator Ryan Weld of Brooke County and Delegate Steve Westfall of Jackson County are lead sponsors of the bill.

Additionally, the bill would require any business which wants to participate in the tax sale to register with the Secretary of State's Office and creates a bidder registry for individuals, preventing drug dealers, criminals and those who do not have West Virginia's interest at heart from bidding.

For more information, contact Kallie.Cart@WVSAO.gov

House of Delegates – for the week ending January 27, 2023

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates took steps last week to improve the state's foster care system and to help high school students advance with career pathways.

House Bill 3061 would update the authority of the state's Foster Care Ombudsman, adding a duty to thoroughly investigate and resolve reported allegations of abuse and neglect, a child who has died, a sustained critical incident or a child in the juvenile justice system.

"We think this is a measured approach we can take as a Legislature to help the children who are in foster care by improving one system that's within the system," said House Health and Human Resources Committee Vice Chair Heather Tully, R-Nicholas, who sponsored the bill with House Health and Human Resources Committee Chair Amy Summers, R-Taylor.

The bill would protect the Ombudsman from being forced to testify in any court proceeding that involves the Ombudsman's official duties. It would provide confi-

dentiality during an investigation if the Ombudsman receives information of an imminent risk of serious harm. The bill also would shield the Foster Care Ombudsman from any prohibition against releasing its recommendations to the governor's office and the Legislature. The measure was read a first time on the House floor Friday, January 27.

A bill that would create a dual enrollment pilot program advanced from the House Education Committee. Under House Bill 2005, the four-year pilot would fund higher education institutions that offer dual-enrollment courses to the state's secondary school students that help lead them to careers or continued education in certain designated career pathways, such as direct healthcare, education, agriculture, construction, information technology and STEM, among others. The program would operate under the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and the Council for Community and Technical College Education in partnership with the West

Virginia Department of Education. The bill now goes to the House Finance Committee for consideration.

House Bill 2113, which would increase the criminal sentencing penalties for a parent, guardian or custodian for child abuse resulting in injury and child abuse or neglect creating a risk of injury unanimously passed the House January 26. No fines would change as a result of the bill, but a prior child abuse conviction would result in an increased penalty.

A bill clarifying the authority and obligations of the executive branch during a state of emergency was sent back to the Senate after a near-unanimous vote out of the House January 24. The limit on the duration of a state of preparedness or state of emergency was trimmed in the House from 90 to 60 days. Only three members voted against the measure, Senate Bill 128.

A total of 1,122 House bills have been introduced as of January 27, and 19 of those have passed the House.

The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight March 11.

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Sam Felton ~ Candidate for Mayor of Marlinton

Rather than an election in a town the size of Marlinton, it is a shame we cannot walk across the street and tell our neighbor, "Now, it's your turn!" That would give others a taste of reality and the opportunity to experience what is involved, even in a small town. Obviously, that is not realistic and elections are the best alternative.

Having hoped to be one and done at the end of the first term, I never dreamed about a second term. But everything takes longer than expected and you end up stuck. The Old Testament calls it laboring for that which will not satisfy.

Certainly, I could not imagine running again for a third term. Why would anyone subject themselves to a responsibility that most do not want, at a salary that is more laughable than it is sad?

For the last six months, I have prayed without receiving a clear answer. As recently as early December, my answer has been; "No. I have had enough. It's time for someone else to have their turn." Also, for the last six months, I have been asked over and over again, if I would consider running for

one more term, and I kept thinking no way - I believe in term-limits at the local level, too.

So, why would I decide to run for a third term as Mayor? Mainly as an alternative. Certainly, it is not that I think I am the brightest bulb in the box. I simply realize the tremendous need for a couple of other projects that need to be completed. I know others who are more capable. If they file, please feel free to vote for them and send me home. It would not make me mad.

My wife says; "You can't pray and worry about something at the same time." But, that is exactly what I had been doing. Worry never helps anything. But the prayers of others must have. Because, when I got real with myself - the only reason I could come up with for not running was this ...

"I wanted to do - what I wanted to do!"

We are living in a time when a selfish spirit is part of the problem at so many levels. Our churches are infected with a lack of commitment. Civic groups and Lodge memberships are declining. Look at what is going on in the county with our volunteer fire departments and emergency serv-

ices! Volunteerism and Public Service really do come down to "Service above self." Whining and complaining does not correct problems. Work, and often hard work that no one wants to do, is the answer. Hard work - and prayer - is the only real approach to solving our problems.

Leading up to the first term, my faith was a concern for some. Being Mayor and a pastor was a concern for me, as well. But, I have found the Mayor's Office provides numerous opportunities for the trying of faith, which produces patience and the Lord knew I needed patience. Only God above knows what tomorrow brings. Opportunities for Ministry are all around us. So everyone knows how I stand; I believe the Apostles' Creed. I believe in The Golden Rule. That pretty much sums up the way I approach things.

So, Friday, January 20, I filed the paperwork for a third run as Mayor. This will disappoint some. Others will be glad - at least for now. But, for those of you who kept asking, and said you would help if I would run - here we go again.

Sam

Senate leader promises to walk back jail secrecy law

Dan Lawton
Mountain State Spotlight

An influential West Virginia state senator said last week that he will soon introduce a bill to undo legislation he sponsored last year making most jail records in the state confidential.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Trump, R-Morgan, said in an interview he regrets creating a new exemption to the state's Freedom of Information Act when he sponsored Senate Bill 441.

"We need to make sure that whatever we do doesn't

shrink the accessibility of information from FOIA," Trump said.

Trump's change in course is a reaction to reporting by Mountain State Spotlight, which revealed that the bill's primary effect was to further cloak in secrecy what happens inside the state's notoriously dangerous jails.

The bill was passed unanimously in the House and Senate, although Trump, along with two other legislators, later said they regretted supporting it.

Trump won't be seeking to repeal the entire law, but will instead attempt to return it to

an earlier version, in which a Senate amendment ensured that it wouldn't override the state's Freedom of Information Act. Doing so will nullify any effect of the law.

Delegate Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, said that if Trump doesn't introduce a bill to restore public access to jail records, he will.

Pushkin, chair of the West Virginia Democratic Party, said last month that he didn't know that the bill would restrict the availability of jail records from adult correctional facilities when he voted for it.

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Magistrate court ~ year in review

Suzanne Stewart
Staff Writer

In 2022, 128 felonies and 855 misdemeanors were filed in Pocahontas County Magistrate Court.

Of the felonies, 90 were transferred to circuit court, 13 were dismissed without prejudice, four were dismissed with prejudice, one was dismissed by the magistrate, 14 had no probable cause found and six have had no action.

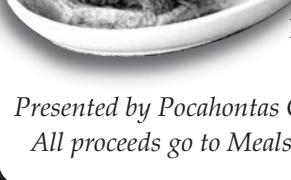
Of the misdemeanors, 167 ended with a no contest plea, nine had a plea agreement of no contest, 188 ended with a guilty plea, 17 had a plea agreement of guilty, eight

had a guilty verdict, 79 were dismissed, 27 were dismissed without prejudice, 47 were dismissed with prejudice, 41 were dismissed by the magistrate, 11 were dismissed due to plea agreement, one was dismissed due

to a deferred sentence, eight had proceedings deferred, one had a not guilty verdict, two were transferred to circuit court, one was withdrawn and 284 have had no action.

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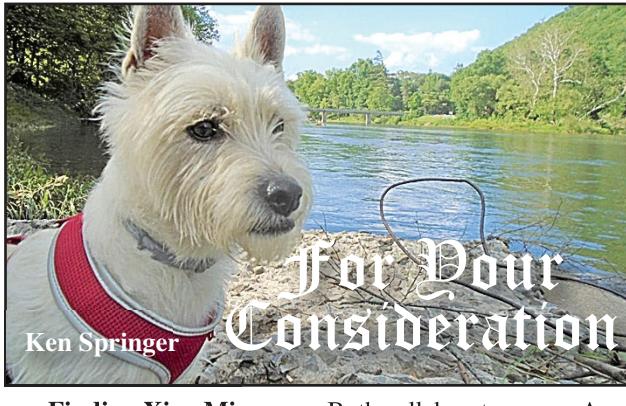
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Ken Springer

Finding Xiao Ming Part Two

"There are two kinds of adventurers: those who go truly hoping to find adventure and those who go secretly hoping they don't." William Least Heat Moon

I'm not sure which of the above categories describes me.

Perhaps, Mr. Least Heat Moon, there is another category of adventurer; those who stumble into the unknown. Sometimes, it is easy to do when you agree to something without exercising due diligence.

Although many things would happen in the weeks ahead that bear some resemblance to the exploits of Indiana Jones, I am certainly not a knight in shining armor, or even rusty armor, for that matter.

I abide by the motto, "Discretion is the better part of valor." I always exercised this stricture when planning a mountain climb or running a wild river; it's a piece of wisdom that has always served me well.

That said, I am also a man of my word. When I agree to do something, I let nothing stand in my way.

With the efforts to find Xiao Ming, I ran headlong into something I only partially understood at the outset.

Yet, these unexpected challenges would broaden my understanding of a world foreign to me, and increase my tolerance for discomfort and danger.

Anyway, compared to Indiana Jones, I am not much to look at, not as daring nor as clever. Lao Taitai would be the unflappable character in the story of Xiao Ming. She was the proverbial "force to be reckoned with."

I still had two weeks in Beijing before fully realizing what lay in store for us in our search for Xiao Ming. In the remaining time, I indulged myself in something I had been planning since arriving in Beijing; climbing the Great Wall of China.

The Chinese military frowned upon such feats, although the regular citizenry sightseers seemed to enjoy the stunt. Anyway, for the price of a bit of risk, I could secure a real whopper of a story to share with my future granddaughters.

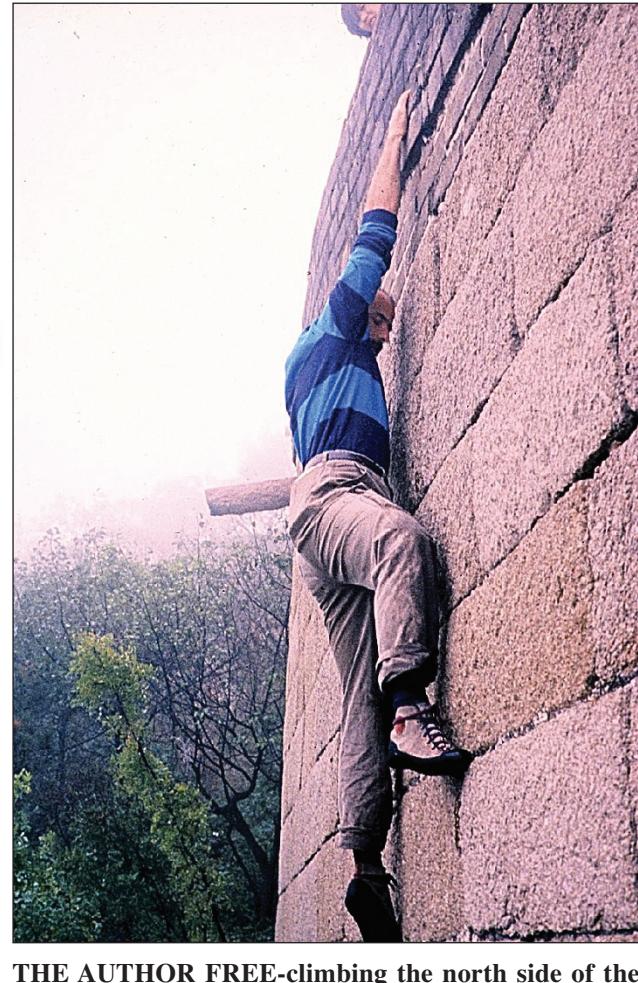
I recruited two fellow students to help in avoiding detection by the authorities.

Both collaborators were Australian.

My father, who spent his final months of World War II in the Down Under, often mentioned the daring-do of the Australians. He said, "They're a tough bunch, those Aussies."

We arrived at a parking area near the Great Wall to a mixed bag of transportation options. There were buses, bicycles, motorcycles, military vehicles, and a single Bactrian camel; all saddled up and ready to go.

We spent the first hour timing the military guards that marched up and back a given section of the wall for



THE AUTHOR FREE-climbing the north side of the Great Wall of China.



BICYCLES WERE THE most common form of transportation in Beijing in 1988. At the time there were only two or three government manufacturers of bicycles so they all looked alike. Finding your own parked bike in a sea of bikes after shopping or sightseeing was often a nightmare.

It didn't work; walls seldom do. Most countries eventually figure that out.

Well, if the Great Wall couldn't keep out a simple corn-fed boy from Southern Ohio, I doubt it kept out raiding Huns, Tatars and Mongols.

Seeking Xiao Ming

Because this article is about the search for a 43-year-old woman who became separated from her mother in 1949, I'll skip over my other experiences in Beijing and get right to the heart of the matter – finding Xiao Ming.

And, in every sense, it was a matter of the heart.

Sixty-three-year-old Lao Taitai returned to China for the first time in nearly 40 years. Her sole purpose for returning to her home country was to seek and hopefully establish contact with her daughter, Xiao Ming.

It is always those that are at the bottom of the social ladder that suffer the worse.

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Nile is the longest river in Africa. Name the longest river in South America.

Beach Boys. Her name was Shirley Johnson and she borrowed her father's car to go study at the library. But, no!

She went to the hamburger drive in to have fun, fun, fun. What kind of car did Shirley's father own?

Enough of that. The

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The first Monday in February is legendary at Snowshoe Resort aka 4,848'. The Cupp Run Challenge is Snowshoe's most storied tradition and participating in it is an unforgettable experience. This is one of the most exciting and long running races at the resort.

**Cupp Run history ~ 100 years ~ 1875 to 1975**

By Stanley Wooddell
The Pocahontas Times
February 10, 1975

Before Snowshoe began developing the big resort on Cheat Mountain, the name Cupp Run was seldom ever heard.

Cupp Run is a clear, cool stream rising and draining a large section of land on the west side of Cheat Mountain, a tributary of the Big Spring Branch of Elk River. This stream is seldom noticed by travelers as it sinks before it reaches the road and is dry there most of the time. This was always a good fishing stream, and I have fished there many times and could

sometimes catch a mess of nice Brook trout.

In 1875, Daniel P. Cupp purchased 480 acres of land on this stream and from this

land the stream was named Cupp Run. The former owner of this land was John P. Porter, of Hightown, Virginia.

My granddad moved to Elk River in 1876 and built a log house on what was then known as the George Gwin land, later owned by Samuel B. Moore.

About that same year, a cabin was built on Cupp Run near where the barn and house now stand. My granddad and Mr. Gilkinson hacked (known now as girdling by the Forest Service) for several years at 75 cents an acre.

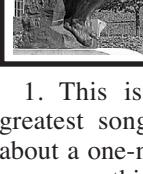
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**TRIVIA – a little something to think about**

Courtesy of Chuck Cornell

1. This is arguably the greatest song in history – about a one-night stand. He compares this woman to an exciting ride in a powerful sports car. Name this 1982 "Prince" auto.

2. Bruce Springsteen wrote and sang this "B" side of "Dancing in the Dark." Natalie Cole covered it and had a bigger hit with it in 1988. Oh, Elvis also owned

one of these cars.

3. This one is from the

Beach Boys. Her name was Shirley Johnson and she borrowed her father's car to go study at the library. But, no!

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Watoga State Park was recently declared an International Dark Sky Park. The low levels of light pollution allow breathtaking views of the night skies that the poor city dweller will never experience.

The one major source of light pollution that exists in our area is the prison located at Denmar. At night, for miles around, its bright lights destroy this pristine dark sky.

Nighttime lighting is required for security, but the current level is overkill with much of it directed skyward where it provides no benefit.

It might be time for the prison officials to reconsider their lighting set up to reduce the light pollution they generate in a way that does not impact security and might even result in electric cost savings.

A potential win for all parties.

Joseph Kaffl
Hillsboro

Dear Editor,

As a former Pocahontas County Commissioner (2009-2014), I am writing to express my concern regarding recent meetings of the Pocahontas County Com-

mission as it pertains to Hotel/Motel tax distribution. It's been quite a while since I tuned into happenings at the Commission. My last meeting as a commissioner was in December 2014.

Since then, I've been making a living doing computer services, and have been passing the time keeping our small farm going in Bartow. I'm keeping busy, and am quite happy with where my life is. While I'm not interested in running again, I must say that being a commissioner was a great experience, and indeed it was an honor to serve. Over six

memorable years, I got to know a lot of good people, and I learned how so many do so much to make life better in Pocahontas County each day.

Being a commissioner is a humbling job. Or at least it's supposed to be. I'd say there are two essential responsibilities a commissioner has: to oversee the county's finances, and to listen and be nice to everyone they interact with. The second is harder than the first, because it goes beyond mere numbers. It means working with

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Marlinton Mayor's Corner

By Sam Felton

This Mayor's Corner includes some information from a Zoom Meeting on Tourism that I attended Monday morning. Thirty-seven attendees from around the state joined in the meeting, which included an assortment of town and county representatives.

Some from economic development – both public and

private. A 30-minute breakout was a part of the session. An average of six representatives were in each group and all were given the same questions for discussion.

Some findings revealed that we, like most, have the biggest challenge in funding and capacity. Another concern, most communities are determined to keep the

uniqueness of their respective community, and that is a good thing. Maintaining that unique charm was a reservation of Marlinton Town Council with regard to joining the Mon-Forest Towns Partnership.

Each community's determination to keep their individual community flavor is already set by the people who live there.

After the breakout session, other community comments were shared. For instance, where should communities look for examples to follow?

Some said, Bentonville, Arkansas, and Asheville,

North Carolina. Others said

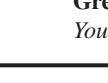
"Marlinton!" What programs

are working? In West Virginia, The Mon-Forest Towns Partnership was an

answer.

Marlinton's population in 1950 was 1,645. The 50s and 60s are the eras that residents remember when talking about the excitement of busy streets and all that was going on "in the old days." According to the last census, 998 is the current population. Growth happened here once, and it can happen again.

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Fred Provenza will outline his decades of research regarding the inherent nutritional wisdom of livestock species and their ability to select the most appropriate forage species for their needs at a given time. He is the author of three books, including Nourishment: What Animals Can Teach Us about Rediscovering Our Nutritional Wisdom; Foraging Behavior: Managing to Survive in a World of Change; and The Art and Science of Shepherding: Tapping the Wisdom of French Herders (co-author with Michel Meuret)

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

The WVU Extension Service is coordinating a Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop for Saturday, February 18, beginning at 1 p.m. This workshop will feature Mira Danilovich, WVU Extension Horticulture Specialist and State Master Gardener Coordinator.

The Workshop will be held at 5687 Denmar Road, Hillsboro. Take Denmar Road from Hillsboro, past the prison 1.5 miles, turn left at the "Wannabe Farms" sign.

RSVP by calling the WVU Extension Office at 304-799-4852 or emailing Greg.Ha

Garden calendar 'colors of the garden'

Fruits and vegetables come in all shapes, sizes and tastes. They also can grow in a variety of colors that offer different nutrients and vitamins. The 2023 West Virginia University Extension offers a peek into different varieties and colors of the garden in its 2023 garden calendar. To obtain a copy of the calendar, while supplies last, or learn more about gardening and healthy lifestyles, contact the WVU Extension Service office by visiting us in the basement of the courthouse.

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Community Calendar

PUBLIC NOTICE

Justin Arvon, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with Attorney General Patrick Morrisey's office, will be at Marlinton Town Hall Monday, February 20, from noon to 1 p.m. to meet with individuals to discuss consumer-related issues and answer questions.

Green Box winter hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

MEETINGS

Allegheny Post 117 Tuesday, February 7, 6 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

EVENT

Take Your Child to the Library Day, Saturday, February 4. Drop in for stories and activities for the whole family at Linwood Library, 1 to 3 p.m. and at Green Bank Library, noon to 4 p.m..

Winter Tree ID Walk, Saturday, February 4, 2 to 4 p.m. at Yew Mountain Cen-

ter. \$5 suggested donation. Register at yewmountain.org

Live Music by Cheat Mtn. Express Saturday, February 4, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Arbovale Community Center. Bring an instrument and join in. Fundraiser for Durbin Days Heritage Festival.

Barbecue Lunch Fundraiser, Friday, February 10, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hillsboro Senior Center. Meal \$10. Extra sandwich, \$5. Proceeds support Meals on Wheels.

PARKS AND REC

All activities are at the Community Wellness Center, unless otherwise noted.

Enrichment Art and Crafts at Durbin Library Thursdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. All ages. Free of charge.

Metal embossing. Learn the basics of producing raised, 3-dimensional patterns on a metal surface, for a one of a kind Valentine-themed craft. Monday, February 6, beginning basic skills, ages eight to 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, February 13, basic adult

class, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 304-799-7386. \$5 children, \$10 adults.

Jiggle, Wiggle and Giggle, creative movement for ages five and younger, Fri-

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Poetry Corner

Arrow Grasses by Greenbrier River

Arrow grasses by the river,
Phalanx, spear by spear arrayed,
Teach us that we may remember
Others here have walked afraid.

Teach us – all our generation –
We are not the first to know
Death and war and red transgression
Where these quiet waters flow.

Long ago our father's father
Here in springtime dropped his corn,
Died and fell, an arrow winging
In his heart that April morn –

Dead as you and I will ever
Lie beneath the atom's burst –
Arrow grasses by the river,
Teach us we are not the first,

Nor the last to live in danger,
Live in wonder and in woe,
Here on earth beside the river,
Where the quiet waters flow.

~ Louise McNeill from Hill Daughter

What's Cookin'?

The Art of Cooking in Marlinton

Tasty Bread Pudding

Mary Seebert Myers

2 cups toasted bread cubes
2/3 cup brown sugar
2 cups milk
2 eggs

1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup raisins
1/16 tsp. nutmeg

Cool Whip, optional
Preheat oven to 350°.

Mix together eggs, sugar, milk and nutmeg.

Add toasted bread cubes, raisins and vanilla.

Pour into a well-greased, glass, baking dish.

Sprinkle nutmeg on top.

Bake at 350° for 20 to 30 minutes. Pudding is done

when a knife inserted comes out with a small amount of pudding on it.

May be served with Cool Whip, if desired.

Mississippi Mud Pie

Linda L. Wilfong

1 cup chopped pecans
1 stick margarine
1 cup flour
8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup Cool Whip
1 cup confectioner's sugar
2 ? cups cold milk
1 small instant chocolate

BINGO!

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2022 Deaths

January

3 – Kelvin Wayne Shearer, 50, of Marlinton
 3 – Eddie Gene Beard, 88, of Lewisburg
 4 – Benjamin Vrable, 56, of Kansas
 6 – Gaye Shields, 94, of Florida
 7 – Robert A. Sheets, 67, of Hilton Head, South Carolina
 7 – Bennie Shifflett, 68, of White Sulphur Springs
 10 – Warren Scott Hayes, 49, of Durbin
 10 – Marilee Long, 83, of Beaver Creek
 11 – Eva Galford, 97, of Marlinton
 14 – Bree Elizabeth Eberbaugh, 30, of Marlinton
 14 – Martin Alan Carr, 64, of Marlinton
 16 – Bobby Thomas Phillips, 83, of Tennessee
 18 – Ray Lynn Landis, 82, of Hillsboro
 21 – Crystal Down Smith Baker, 38, of Marlinton
 23 – Sidney Conrad Smith, 88, of Elkins
 24 – Nina Ruth Waugh Pritchard Cornelius, 95, of Marlinton
 24 – Herbert Dale Kellison, 87, of Pennsylvania
 24 – Kenneth Gerald Frum, 77, of Hillsboro
 24 – William David Hartless, 55, of Hillsboro
 26 – Howard David Collins, 85, of Virginia
 26 – Harold Lee Cochran, Jr., 77, of Marlinton
 28 – Tommy Greathouse, 75, of Bartow
 28 – Roy Hiner Taylor, 69, of Durbin
 29 – Francis Jarvis, 92, formerly of Hillsboro

February

1 – Evelyn Margaret “Peg” Greenlee, 95, of Charleston
 1 – Jewell Caroline Galford Loughridge-Deason, 87, of California
 2 – Brenda Sue Ryder

Gore, 59, of Maryland
 6 – Steven Quinton “Steve” Moore, 71, of Marlinton
 6 – Judith Ann Simmons, 75, of Bartow
 9 – Jona Nuckles Irvin, formerly of Marlinton
 10 – Harry Reid Mitchell, 88, of Marlinton
 11 – Tabitha Cooper Thompson, 39, of Virginia
 12 – Jeffrey Lynn Miller, 47, of Ohio
 13 – Rudolph Pendleton Duvall, 85, of Marlinton
 14 – James “Jim” Sherman Burks, 79, of Hillsboro
 14 – James Lewis Peacheay, 88, formerly of Hillsboro
 15 – Thomas Edward Powell, 64, of Hillsboro
 17 – Mary Ellen Colaw, 82, of Durbin
 17 – Reverend Charles E. “Ed” Vallandingham Jr., 71, of Lewisburg
 18 – Frances Ann Miller, 77, of Marlinton
 21 – Kalena Marie Clutter, 37, of Hillsboro
 21 – Lee Kidd, 51, of Lewisburg
 22 – Joan Bernadette Gross Beverage, 82, of Hillsboro
 23 – Sara Lynn Warner, 59, of Bartow
 24 – Homer Jack Burks, 89, of Buckeye
 25 – Lloyd Roland Armstrong, 75, of Buckeye

March

4 – Alice “Louise” Davis Riley, 75, of Arbovale
 4 – Melissa Dawn “Missy” Cassell, 30, of Beverly
 6 – Ann Turner, 79, of Marlinton
 9 – Eldridge “Fuzzy” Waugh, 84, of Virginia
 9 – Shannon Hanley, 81, of Hillsboro
 10 – John Neil Ralston, 91, of Arbovale
 15 – Norma Lee Simmons Brockway, 78, of Bartow
 19 – Louise Virginia Gregory Gum, 85 of Lewisburg

20 – Robert Kiser Conner, 78, of Arbovale
 23 – Maxine Vandevander Harden, 91, of Maryland
 23 – Natalie Anne Wade, 23, of Williamsburg
 26 – Gaynell Wagner Curry, 92, formerly of Marlinton
 27 – Robert Ray Alkire, 75, of Buckeye
 27 – Gwendolyn “Gwenie” Blackhurst Friel, 81, of Marlinton
 28 – Dwaine Allan Elza, 59, of Ohio
 29 – Amy Irene Sadler Copen, 90, of Cass
 29 – Jean Elenora Taylor Wimer, 86, of Virginia

April

1 – Naomi Friel Newman, 92, of Marlinton
 2 – Karl Lee Pritt, 90, of Maryland
 2 – David George Irvine, Sr., 75, of Marlinton
 6 – Daniel Ray VanReenen, Sr., 73, of Maryland
 6 – Ivan VanReenen, 93, of Buckeye
 8 – Carolyn Sue Gallew, 60, of Green Bank
 8 – Clarence “Soup” Shearer, 88, of Marlinton
 9 – Leeta Jane Ryder Russell, 88, of Marlinton
 9 – Juanita Mae Mace, 97, of Dunmore
 13 – Thomas Wayne Dilley, 71, of Marlinton
 15 – Stephanie Jean Brockway, 37, of Virginia
 17 – John Kenneth “Kenny” Quick, 75, of Staunton
 19 – Stanford Sharp, 87, of Buckhannon
 22 – Leviro Monroe Stull, 54, of Virginia
 23 – Terry White, 65, of Snowshoe
 24 – Rachel Louise McCastlain Hill, 85, of Marlinton
 24 – Christina “Chris” Lambert, 79, of Arbovale
 24 – Helen D. Sharp, 92, Sr., 90, of Valley Head
 29 – Marguerite An-

May

1 – Gary Neil Coulter, 77, of Renick
 1 – John Buly, 97, of Hillsboro
 2 – Penny Gibson Drewry, 94, of Michigan
 5 – Jack Ivan Cromer, 87, of Beverly
 7 – Dharl Lane Wilfong, 80, of Maryland
 8 – Donald Cecil Arthur II, Jennings, 85, of Durbin
 71 – Jean Elenora Taylor 71, of Marlinton
 9 – Franklin “Frankie” Emmerson Curry, 54, of Durbin
 10 – Carolyn June Davison, 79, of Beverly
 10 – David Wayne McCloud, 50, of Marlinton
 11 – Peggy Carpenter, 75, of Dunmore
 11 – Diana Sue Sheets, 72, of Green Bank
 11 – Norman “Joe” Walker, 56, of Hillsboro
 14 – Harry Barnard Price Jr., 90, of Arbovale
 16 – Debra “Debbie” Kay Hiner King, 61, of Virginia
 18 – Dorothy Viola Trainer, 99, of Buckhannon
 20 – Maxine Shinaberry Foe, 95, of Cass
 25 – Kathleen Wade Mace, 91, of Slaty Fork
 26 – Robert “Bob” Clyde Warren, 79, of Minnehaha Springs
 30 – Marshall Dale Clutter, 68, of Hillsboro
 31 – Jane Ellen Seagraves Hyatt, 82, of Florida

June

7 – Violet Genevieve “Genny” Cutlip, 89, of Ohio
 8 – Douglas L. Jackson, 69, of Ohio
 8 – Letcher Steryl Landis, 88, of North Carolina
 10 – George Morris Fuller, 14 – Larry Allen Matheny, 75, of Green Bank

14 – Lillian Loretta Smith Norris, 91, formerly of Dunmore and North Carolina
 15 – Nancy T. Bruns, 89, of Williamsburg

16 – Violet Virginia McCoy Kellison, 82, of Hillsboro
 17 – Leta Frances Sharp Atkins, 62, of Virginia
 19 – Ann Yeager Mulheren, 89, of Virginia
 19 – Irene Grace “Deanie” Rexrode, 94, of Virginia
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 23 – Tommy Grey Campbell, 84, of Marlinton

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4 – Peggy Jean Taylor

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and parents of four-year-olds and three-year-olds with IEPs will be welcome to enroll their children at that time. Although preschool is not mandatory in the state of West Virginia, Pocahontas County Schools offers the program, but due to limited class size, students are not always enrolled at their first choice school.

“If someone here in the Green Bank area applies in early August and I already have twenty in the classroom, I can offer them a slot at Marlinton or Hillsboro Elementary or at Schools Days if there are slots open there,” Bland said. “It’s also dependent on getting the paperwork done and getting it done in time.”

Bland explained that she tries to keep the classes at 18 four-year-olds as she enrolls them in case there are three-year-olds with IEPs who apply. Those students then fill those slots that are left open.

“We try to keep two slots open so any three-year-old child that may have a disability can come in and have a slot in that preschool,” she said. “All three of my preschool teachers are preschool special needs teachers, so we have an integrated program. That means all the children are together.”

Bland, who is retiring at the end of June, reiterated the importance of preschool and said she hopes her successor continues to be a “cheerleader” for the preschool

program.

“Folks say, ‘preschool is just about play,’ – well yes,” she said. “That’s what it’s supposed to be because a child’s work is play. When we’re rubbing those Play-Doh animals together, we’re developing fine motor skills and gross motor skills. When we’re out on the playground doing those different things that you see, they’re developing eye-hand coordination. They’re developing balance.”

“All of those which are necessary for reading,” she continued. “We need those children in preschool classes getting all that exposure so that when they do hit kindergarten, they’re hitting the kindergarten ready to become readers, to become mathematicians. We need strong preschool programs in place.”

Bland also gave an update on the special education program and the annual review by the state.

In miscellaneous management, the board approved the following:

• Out-of-state travel requests:

– Up to six Pocahontas County High School ProStart students and ProStart instructor Teresa Mullen, to travel by private vehicle to The Greenbrier Resort, February 26 through February 28, for the Annual Hospitality and Tourism Conference, participating in restaurant management and culinary arts seminars. Trip funded by ProStart fundraising.

– Up to 32 Pocahontas County High School CTE students, carpentry instructor

Duane Gibson and welding instructor Justin Kerr, to travel by school bus or private vehicles, pending total qualifiers to Fairmont State University, March 23 through March 25, to participate in the SkillsUSA state competition. Trip funded by SkillsUSA and CTE funding.

– Up to 65 students, along with Aaron Pugh, Anita Workman and Wanda Hrabina, to travel by school bus to the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Virginia, for a day trip April 26, to study the variety of old and new cultures that have been introduced in the World Studies Curriculum. Trip funded by PCHS trip funds and participants.

• Green Bank Elementary-Middle School pepperoni roll fundraiser.

• Parent and community volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.

In personnel management, the board approved:

• Retirement date revision for Ruth A. Bland, as director of special education/student support services, transportation and technology integration specialist, coordinator of preschool, technology, testing and WVEIS for Pocahontas County Schools, from July 1, to June 30, 2023.

• Resignation of Michelle L. Ryder as itinerant licensed practical nurse/aide for Pocahontas County Schools, ef-

fective February 17.

• Employment of Travis J. Keatley as mechanic for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic service personnel pay grade F, effective January 26, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment is 112 days. Term shall be 261 days each year thereafter.

• Nicole Rose-Taylor as volunteer fourth and fifth grade assistant basketball coach for Hillsboro Elementary School, effective for the remainder of the 2022-2023 athletic season.

• Creation of position, up to two Prevention Resource Officers (PRO) for Pocahontas County Schools, at contracted rate of pay for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Term of employment shall be 200 days each year; salaries to be paid for by grant and/or county funds.

In special recognition, the board congratulated winners in the scounty Science Fair.

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Obituaries

Joseph Laskey

Joseph L. "Joe" Laskey, 81, of Marlinton, passed away Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Stonerise Lewisburg Nursing Home in Ronceverte.

Born June 6, 1941, at Tiverville, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Joseph Laskey, Sr. and Martha Harkless Laskey Black.

Joe was a 1959 graduate of Townville, Pennsylvania High School.

On April 26, 1975, he married Sue C. Dunkle Laskey, who survives.

Joe worked for C.J. Clark (Hanover Shoe), owned and operated J.S. Home Theater and Laundry and retired from Demmar Correctional Center. He was a member of the Marlinton Lions Club and New Hope Lutheran Church at Minnehaha Springs.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Laskey.

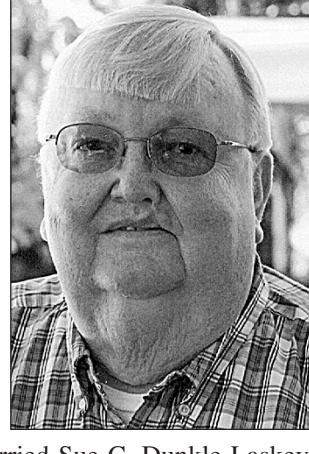
In addition to his wife, he is survived by a brother, John Laskey, and wife, Barbara, of Apex, North Carolina; sister-in-law, Peggy Jo Pitsenbarger, of Franklin; and a number of nieces and nephews in Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton with Pastors Jason and Jess Felici officiating.

Graveside service and interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Franklin.

Memorials may be made to the Marlinton Lions Club, c/o Phyllis Lucas, 2637 Sunset Road, Marlinton, WV 24954 or New Hope Lutheran Church, 9280 Huntersville Road, Marlinton, WV 24954.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at



www.kimblefuneralhome.com

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home in Marlinton, West Virginia.



Keith Moore Demetria Moore

Keith Eugene Moore, 88, passed away at his home in Marlinton, Friday, December 9, 2022.

Demetria Biggs Moore, 85, passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at Pocahontas Center in Marlinton.

A graveside service for Keith and Demetria will be held on the date of their Wedding Anniversary, Friday, February 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery.

records requests about jails. But it also made public some important records, such as 250 incident reports related to fentanyl incidents. Those records, released in June 2022 before the new law took effect, chronicled widespread drug use, assaults and even an alleged rape. The new law makes such incident reports confidential.

The bulk of the records requests made to the department are connected to

deaths, of which there were at least 52 in 2022. The state's jails were found to be the most deadly in the country in a 2020 investigation by Reuters. A lawsuit has been filed on behalf of nearly 1,000 people currently and formerly incarcerated at Southern Regional Jail in response to substandard conditions at the facility, where at least 12 people died in 2022.

Many of the families of those who die in jail say that

William Sharp

William Roy Sharp, 80, of Gap Mills, died Monday, January 23, 2023, at his residence.

Born October 28, 1942, in Marlinton, he was a son of the late Dorsey and Clara Shearer Sharp.

Roy served in the United States Army and was a retired Boiler Operator for Westvaco. He was also a farmer and loved bear hunting.

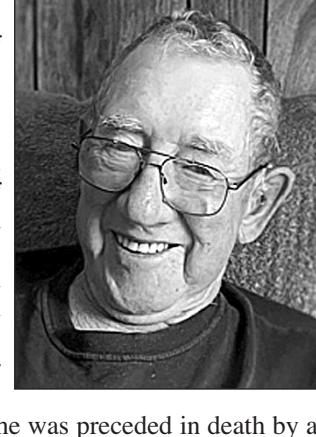
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Ernest James Sharp; son-in-law, Gary Whitehead; three brothers, Harold Sharp, Joe Sharp and Jerry Sharp; and a sister, Janet Gurd.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Sharp of Gap Mills; daughter, Jacqueline S. Whitehead, of Salem, Virginia; two very special friends, Ellis J. Bates and his son, Levi Michael Bates, who supported, loved and cared for Roy and Anita as if they were family; three sisters, Susan Terrell, of Covington, Virginia, Delores Rose, of Ohio, and Carolyn Waugh, of Covington, Virginia; sister-in-law, Nellie Sharp of Ozark, Alabama; granddaughter, Courtney Whitehead Dillman, and husband, Bradford, of Salem, Virginia; great-granddaughter, Evelyn Louise Dillman; a number of nieces and nephews; and his faithful companion, "Butch."

In keeping with his wishes, the body has been cremated.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 28, 2023, in the chapel of Nicely Funeral Home in Clifton Forge, Virginia, with Reverend Bill Hartsfield officiating.

The family suggests memorial tributes take the form of contributions to Temple Baptist Church, 300 Stratton St., Covington, VA 24426, or to the humane society of your choice in Roy's name.



Law, from page 5

While legislative attorneys clearly stated the bill was intended to make records confidential, Brad Douglas, the acting corrections commissioner at the time, told lawmakers considering the bill that it was needed to make it easier to share information with law enforcement and ensure that records didn't

end up on Facebook. When presenting the bill to the Senate, Trump described it as strictly applying to juvenile correctional records.

Andy Malinoski, a spokesman for the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, declined to comment on Trump's potential bill.

Prior to passage of last year's bill, the department tried to use some existing exemptions to deny public

9 – George A. Rao, 86, of Beverly

10 – Ellen Denise Adrian, 68, of Marlinton

15 – Nancy May Oscar, 97, of Hillsboro

16 – Ellen Johnson, 95, of Virginia

20 – Jennifer Cameron Rulkowski, 51, of Washington

21 – Lee Garrett Gurley, 82, of Virginia

24 – Kaiden Lee Harold Stull, 11, of Frank

25 – Cathy Jossetta Johnson, 66, of Buckeye

26 – Claude E. Sharp, 90, of Marlinton

18 – Norine Bernice Simmons, 85, of Dunmore

19 – Donovan Keith Bennett, 57, of Marlinton

22 – James Robert McLaughlin, 43, of Arbovale

23 – Mary Alice Alderman Turley, 89, of Texas

25 – Timothy Grey Hevener, 78, of Durbin

25 – Tommy Oakland Greathouse, 55, of Bartow

25 – Samuel Curry Wilkins, 51, of Seneca Rocks

28 – Nancy Faith Diller Burks, 72, of Marlinton

30 – Joan Morrison Cuskey, 88, of Virginia

they get little to no information from jail officials, ceased with the information sometimes waiting for and records they need," months to learn how their relative died.

"In the interest of compassion, we should be willing to

provide the family of the deceased with the information

sometimes waiting for and records they need," months to learn how their relative died.

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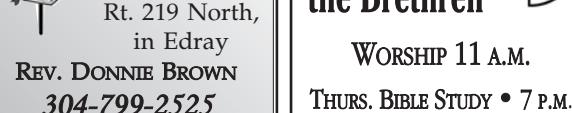
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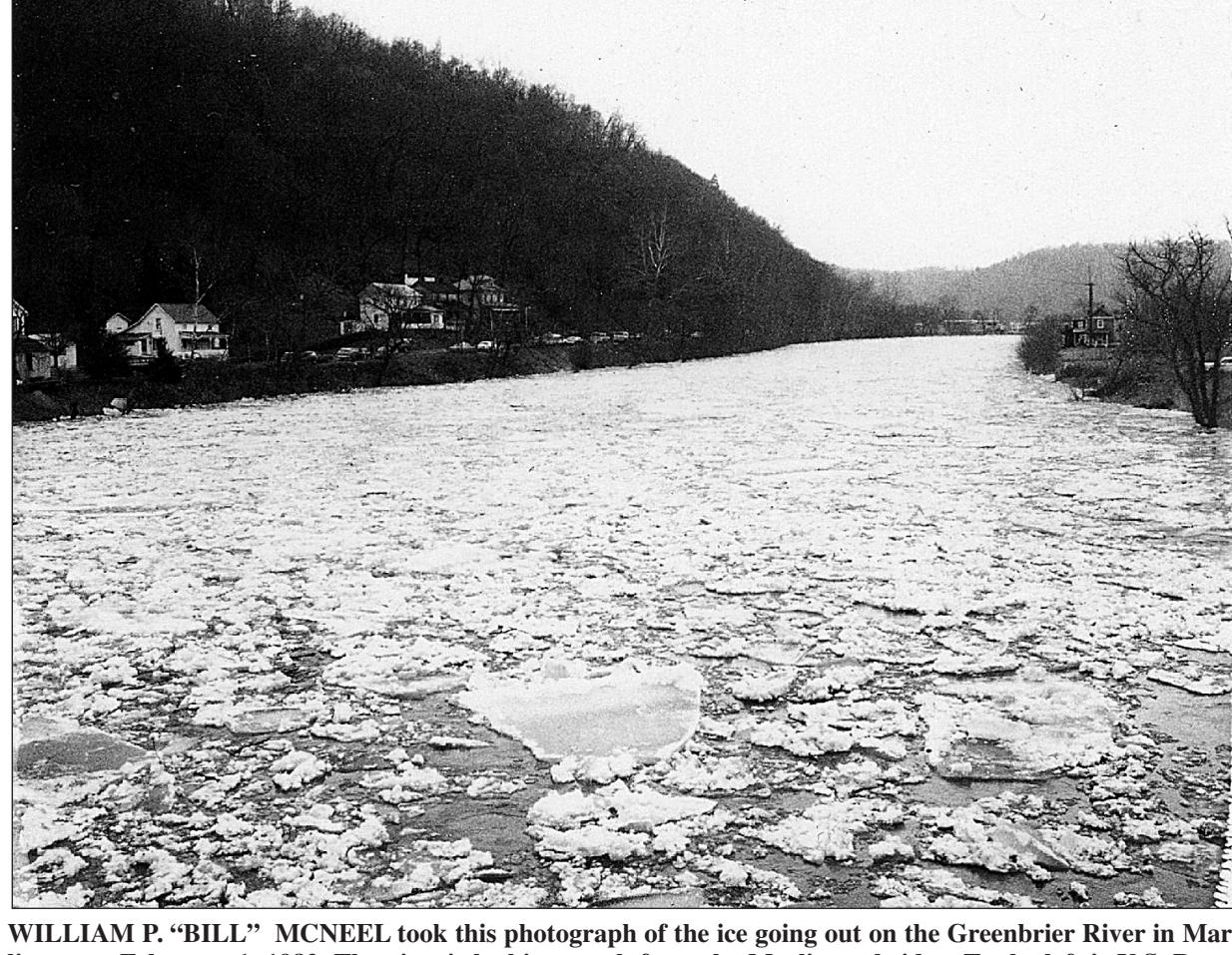
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Preserving Pocahontas

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Ice on the Greenbrier in Marlinton – Feb. 1982



WILLIAM P. "BILL" MCNEEL took this photograph of the ice going out on the Greenbrier River in Marlinton on February 1, 1982. The view is looking north from the Marlinton bridge. To the left is U.S. Route 219/Seneca Trail where you can see cars on the shoulder of the road as folks parked to watch and listen. Of note is that the houses along the roadway are no longer there. (Pocahontas County Historical Society Collection, ID: PHS004605)

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If you have historical records or photographs to be scanned for the county Historical Archive contact Preservation Officer B. J. Gudmundsson at 304-799-3989 or email info@pocahontaspreservation.org. Prints of photographs are available.

Seventy-Five Years Ago

Calvin W. Price, Editor

Thursday,
February 5, 1948

Eight and ten degrees below zero at Marlinton Tuesday morning. G. A. Hull came to town from Lobelia and reported 18 above zero Tuesday morning.

Misses Wilma Carr and Anna Lee Dean, students at Marshall College in Huntington, have returned to school after spending their mid-semester vacation here at their homes.

POCAHONTAS PRODUCERS

The annual membership meeting of the Pocahontas Producers Cooperative Association, at the courthouse last Saturday, was largely at-

tended. The auditors report showed a prosperous year for this, the only cooperative livestock market in West Virginia. The president is Oley W. Jackson. The three directors elected were Hevener, Dilley, Hal Moore and Willis Cassell. A good substantial meal was served by the County Farm Woman's organization.

RAT KILLING COMMITTEE

During the four area meetings which were held during the past week at Durbin, Marlinton, Hillsboro and Cass, to get the Rat Control Campaign underway, the following men were selected to serve on the County Rat Control Campaign Committee: H. M. Widney, Frank;

Howard Hevener, Arbovale; Clyde Waugh, Marlinton; Chester McLaughlin, Marlinton; Warren Poage, Marlinton; Dick McNeel, Seebert; William Moore, Hillsboro; Elmer Wimer, Millpoint; Rev. B. B. Breitenhirt, Greenbank, and Kermit Arbogast, Cass.

This Committee is to assist the County Extension Agent in promoting the countywide Rat Control Campaign, which is to be climaxed with "R Day," Friday, February 13.

FIELD NOTES

Over on Cochran Creek, the Deans and the Gums have been doing considerable business chasing down and killing wildcats. A week or two since, their dogs put a big wildcat to hole and, to make sure, a stick with a fork on it was put to the hole and given a twist. The varmint was heard to growl and spit, and there was wildcat hair on the stick. Pretty well in, the

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. June McLaughlin, of Browns Mountain, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Griffith, of Cass, a daughter, name Sandra Sue.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Keene, of Renick, a son, named Jerry Douglas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith, a son.

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the McGraw interests in 1892. Thornwood, name suggested perhaps from the Thorny Creek Lumber company when it was decided to change the name from Dunlevie to some other name. Dunlevie was the name of the man who owned it prior to that time. Allegheny mountain, Indian name. Back Allegheny mountain, so called because it was farther west or back in the wilderness from the main Allegheny which marked the line between the English settlements and the Indian Reservation.

Greenbrier river, named for the hatefull greenbrier which grows in the narrow sandy bottoms along its banks. Bartow, after a Civil War fortified camp by that name. Cheat river, named for its clear, amber tinted deceptive water. Nottingham, named for a family of that name. Cass, named for a Pennsylvanian capitalist, who was a member of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company.

Leatherback

creek, so called for a bush by that name common on its banks. Spruce, highest in the eastern part of the United States. Named from the black spruce only found in profusion at high elevation above the sea. Linwood, named from the lin or basswood common there. This is the tree of the heavy sweet scented bloom from which the bees make the celebrated white honey. Split Rock, former name for Linwood, from a place in the limestone where the Big Spring Branch of Elk river flows through a slit worn by the water. Slaty Fork of Elk, so called for the appearance of slate in its bed. Old Field Fork of Elk, so called because of a cleared Indian field in which are traces of two forts or circular embankments.

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WVDNR launches hellbender, mudpuppy citizen science survey

In an effort to learn more about the distribution of hellbenders and mudpuppies, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has launched a citizen science project to track sightings of these important but declining salamanders around the state.

The project, which will take two years to complete, gives anglers, science enthusiasts and members of the public a chance to help WVDNR biologists map the distribution of hellbenders and mudpuppies and protect these unique amphibians and their habitats.

"While hellbenders and mudpuppies might look fearsome and strange, these sala-

manders are harmless to humans and sportfish populations and play a big part in keeping our waterways healthy," said Kevin Oxenrider, project leader. "As we track sightings over the next two years, we want to encourage everyone to keep their eyes open, report their

sightings and help us protect these important salamanders and their habitats for future generations."

Anglers and members of the public who see a hellbender or mudpuppy in their local waterway or inadvertently catch one while fishing can report their sighting to the WVDNR by completing a short questionnaire, which includes questions

about the date and location of the observation. Submitting a photo is encouraged. To learn more about the survey visit WVdnr.gov/hellbender-mudpuppy-survey

Hellbenders and mudpuppies are the only two fully aquatic salamanders native to West Virginia. Neither species is poisonous or venomous, and they eat mainly crayfish, worms and insects, but occasionally eat small minnows or other smaller amphibians. Hellbenders and mudpuppies have not been shown to negatively impact sportfish populations.

Anglers who inadvertently hook a hellbender or mudpuppy should immediately release the animal into the



water by cutting the line as close to the hook or extracting the hook (taking care to remove the barb with pliers before extracting). State law prohibits the possession or taking of a hellbender or mudpuppy.

WVDNR biologists will use data collected during the survey to better understand hellbender and mudpuppy distribution and status in West Virginia, and to inform future conservation efforts.

"Every observation counts

and you don't have to be an angler to participate," Oxenrider said.

For more information about hellbenders, mudpuppies and other citizen science projects, visit WVdnr.gov/surveys

Children, from page 1

Who could catch the most fish, collect the most wood, or carry the eggs fastest without breaking any? Who could finish carding the wool first or collect the most berries?

Toys were handmade from items on the farm. A piece of string and some left over wood could be turned into a spinning top. A stick became an imaginary horse. Girls stitched scraps of fabric together and stuffed it with cornhusks, making a doll for themselves. A whirligig was easily constructed from a piece of string and a button or slice of wood with two holes. Rolling the Hoop and the Game of Graces only required a couple of sticks and wooden hoops.

Since most families had many children there was always someone to play with.

Two or more people could play battledores; a game similar to badminton.

They went swimming in warm weather and had snowball fights and went sledding in the winter.

Board games were also popular, such as Nine Man's Morris, which dates back thousands of years. Children sang, danced, told stories, practiced tongue twisters, and had fun with rhymes.

Because children had a strong sense of responsibility and a certain level of skills

and trustworthiness, many times they were left unsupervised to play out in the field or in the house; a feeling of independence while maintaining a strong bond to the family and its wellbeing as a whole.

Life on the frontier was hard and marriage happened early in life – to help safeguard the survival of the family and to carry the family's legacy to the next generation.

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PCHS Varsity loses three to ranked teams

Bruce McKean
Contributing Writer

PCHS V 27
Pendleton County V 66

The (4-6) Pocahontas County High School Lady Warriors never came close to (3-1) Class A #11 (AP Poll – 1/10/23) Pendleton County in their first of two games this season January 10 at Franklin. The Wildcats opened with a 13-0 run and took the first

frame 22-5. We all learned why 5'7" Wildcat senior point guard Ariana Young was not only the Pendleton top scorer but also the West Virginia top scorer on Max-Preps as she averages 33.2 points, 10 rebounds, 4.3 steals and 1 block per game.

The Cats also won the last three quarters: 12-3, 20-10 and 12-9. Young did not play in the fourth quarter, and she finished with 30 points, 12 of 19 (63 percent) field goals, 4 of 4 free throws, 8 rebounds

and 4 steals. The PCHS field goal attempts per quarter were: first – 2 of 13 (15 percent), second – 1 of 10 (10 percent), third – 4 of 11 (36 percent) and fourth – 3 of 14 (21 percent). The Cats dominated the twos, 22 versus 9, and threes, 4 versus 1.

Junior Mileya Bircher made the Lady Warriors' only three and only block. Senior Kelsi Taylor had team highs for PCHS with 9 points, 4 of 9 (44 percent) twos, 4 rebounds, 4 deflec-

tions, 3 steals and 1 block. Another team high for PCHS was Adelyn Warner's 5 rebounds. All 11 Warriors saw some action in the game, and 8 scored from 1 to 4 points, while all 11 Cats played and 9 scored from 2 to 7 points.

The Cats took the rebounding honors, 39 to 24, and also committed fewer turnovers, 24 versus 30 for PCHS. PCHS was called for 2 fewer fouls, 14 versus 16, and made 6 of 13 (46 percent) free throws, while the Cats

made 10 of 14 (71 percent). The Cats improved to 4-1. PCHS drops to 4-7. Pendleton is another school not fielding a JV girls squad this season.

PCHS V 31
East Hardy V 44

points in this second game this season, and PCHS added 10 points in this game on their home court for an improved 13 points 31-44 loss. The PCHS improvement included 5 more points when sophomore Riley Pollack scored a team-high 8 points this time, and 7 points from Calli Propst and 3 points from Shayla Bennett, both freshmen, who had not yet

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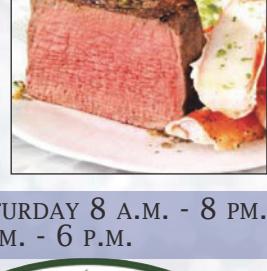
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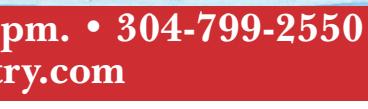
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PCHS, from page 9

played any varsity time earlier in the season. Three more Warriors scored from 1 to 4 points. PCHS team high stats for Olivia Vandevender were: 8 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals, 6 deflections and 4 assists. Our PCHS field goal shooting improved from 8 of 51(16 percent) to 11 of 56 (20 percent).

As for the Cougars, sophomore Brooklynn Tinnell upped her game-high points from 19 to 23, but sophomore Chloe Miller was held from 15 to only 4 points in this game. Senior Autumn Crites was not at the game, and she had scored 16 points in the earlier game. PCHS drops to 4-8, and EHHS improves to 6-7.

PCHS V36
Moorefield V62

The game score, a 36-62 loss on January 17 at Class AA #12 Moorefield, was a shock considering that PCHS lost both an away and a home game versus MHS last season by only one point each. PCHS lost 42-43 @ MHS and then 45-46 @ PCHS one month later. The Yellow Jackets started very strong in this season's only game with a 7-28 first quarter, followed by three better quarters for PCHS: 6-15, 11-15 and then our only win, a 12-4 fourth quarter. PCHS lost three seniors to graduation this year, and those three seniors accounted for 15 and 16 points in the two games last year, which would have cut this loss to 10 points. MMS senior Sterling Kump greatly increased her scoring this season with a game high 23 points, while freshman CiCi Kump was next with 11 points.

Junior Kynlee Wilfong was our high scorer with 8 points plus 5 rebounds. The other 7 scorers' points were: senior Haley Spencer - 7 plus 6 rebounds, Vandevender - 6 (only PCHS threes), Propst - 5, senior Mackenzie Taylor - 4 plus 4 rebounds, Pollack - 3, Bennett - 2 and Bircher - 1. MHS had 5 more scorers in addition to the Kumps. The Warriors were out-rebounded 38 to 27 and committed one more turnover 26 to 25. PCHS hit 25 percent of their field goal shots in this game. PCHS hit 6 of 18 (33 percent) of their free throws while MHS hit 14 of 20 (64 percent). MHS was called for one more foul, 17 versus 16 for PCHS. MHS improves to 6-5, and PCHS drops to 4-9.

PCHS JV60
Highland VA JV11

The Highland, Virginia, JV trav-

eled to Dunmore January 9, for their second match-up this season, and PCHS saw improvement since their 47-27 win at Monterey on December 19, 2022. HHS scored 16 fewer points in this game, and PCHS scored 13 more points on their home court for an improved 49 points margin of victory with the 60-11 win. Seven of 9 PCHS players scored in the game, and 4 of 7 Rams again scored. PCHS high scorers were: Propst - 20 points, including 2 treys; Bircher - 14 points, 2 treys, 6 of 10 (60 percent) field goal attempts, 4 deflections and 3 steals; and Bennett - 13 points. Other game or team highs for PCHS were: junior Andrea Alderman - 7 rebounds plus 6 points; sophomore Ella Johnson - 7 assists and 2 blocks plus 1 point; freshman Ramona Hardy - 3 steals; and sophomore Mallori McCoy - 3 steals plus 4 points.

PCHS out-rebounded HHS this time, 36 to 33, and HHS again committed twice as many turnovers, 38-17. PCHS won all four quarters, two more than the last game: 16-8, 5-1, 20-1 and 19-1. PCHS was called for 12 fouls and made 8 of 12 (67 percent) foul shots, while HHS was called for 11 fouls and hit only 3 of 10 (30 percent) foul shots. PCHS made 20 of 50 (40 percent) two attempts and 4 of 18 (22 percent) three attempts. PCHS is now 8-2.

PCHS JV17
Moorefield JV36

Bennett was the high scorer of the 6 Warriors who scored, with her 5 points and 6 rebounds. Freshman Mackenzie Sewell, McCoy and sophomore Jasey Kra-mer all scored 3 points each. The two game high scorers of the 9 Yellow Jackets who scored were CiCi Kump - 10 points and Korbin Keplinger - 9 points.

The Warriors were out-rebounded 32 to 26 and committed 6 more turnovers, 37 to 31. PCHS only hit 10 percent of their field goal shots in this game. PCHS hit 6 of 16 (39 percent) of their free throws while MHS hit 11 of 19 (58 percent). MHS was called for 7 more fouls, 21 versus 14 for PCHS. MHS improves to 4-2 and PCHS drops to 7-4.

Both the Lady Warriors JV (5:45 p.m.) and V (7:30 p.m.) girls will play next at Richwood Thursday, January 26; at Class A #6 Greenbrier West Friday, January 27; at PCHS vs the Class AA #3 Summers County teams Monday, January 30; at Tygart Valley Wednesday, February 1.

Cupp, from page 3

This land at that time was all good bluegrass, real good pasture for the cattle they drove from Virginia and was known as the Gilkinson hacking.

Cupp Run has two forks. The watershed from the left fork drains the ridge known as the Blockade Ridge, named by Civil War soldiers who camped near where Walter Smith now lives. The right fork drains the south side of what is known as Big Lick Ridge, named after a big natural deer lick close by.

My granddad and Edd Showalter were watching this lick one evening from a blind and, just before dark, a panther climbed a leaning tree over the lick, they had a one-shot muzzleloader rifle and they slipped away and left the lick to the panther.

A railroad was built up Back Run from Cheat River and ended in the head of Cupp Run near the Cupp Run ski slope. This old grade can still be seen.

I have heard several of the older men, such as George

and Summers Sharp, Hanson Lindsay, Ed Wooddell, O. B. Curry and others, tell of working in this hollow and how they skidded logs up to the log slide that was built down Slide Run to Cheat River. Cupp Run has been logged several times by different operators. Lee Barlow, A. C. Pifer and Wallace Galford had sawmills in Cupp Run. Also a sawmill was located on the mouth of Cupp Run in 1905, owner was unknown but the big hemlock logs were peeled and some of the bark piles can still be seen in the woods nearby; the lumber for several of the houses and barns was sawed there.

Part of the drainage of Cupp Run drains the west side of a ridge known as Bear Pen Ridge. Black bear killed lots of sheep here and my granddad built a pen of logs, about three feet wide and six feet long, with a lid of heavy logs and caught three bears in it; then this ridge was named Bear Pen Ridge.

There is a large cave near the mouth of Cupp Run; several people went into it for a half mile but the entrance has been closed for livestock

protection.

In 1923, a railroad was built from Mt. Airy to the head of Cupp Run. The first steam overhead skidder to be used on Elk River was used to take the timber from Talow Knob across Cupp Run; the next skidder took the timber across this run from the south side of the Big Lick Ridge.

Several tracts of land on Cupp Run changed owners several times, one trade went from Arbogast to Hoover to Galford to Mower and then to Snowshoe, its present owner.

The last man to live on Cupp Run was Chris Baughman; he built a log dam of logs across Cupp Run and built a small grist mill. He called it a Hopper Mill as it ground one grain of corn and then hopped on another. A cloudburst washed the dam and mill away. The Burr stones from these hand-cut stones can still be seen at the home of Pauline Galford at Linwood.

At the present time, a wide road leads up Cupp Hollow to the big Snowshoe resort.

This is the history of Cupp Run one hundred years, from 1875 to 1975.

Your, from page 3

There is generally resentment between the poor and the wealthy; all the more so during times of famine and deprivation.

Lao Taitai's family thrived as landowners in the upper reaches of the Ou River in Zhejiang Province. She enjoyed an upper-class life and was kidnapped by indigenous warlords as a young woman.

In response, her father assembled his own army and, after paying a ransom in silver coins, rescued his daughter from where she was being held captive in a cave. Once Lao Taitai was safe, the warlord's soldiers were executed.

(One of the large silver coins used in this exchange sits on my desk as a tangible reminder of another world. One that doesn't exist today. A world that I was briefly touched by and left with memories that at times seem surreal.)

Lao Taitai's fears were justified. Once the communists took over in 1949, Xiao Ming and her relatives, those left behind, were forced to endure pain, starvation and humiliation because of their connections to the former government.

Mao created many programs designed to purge China of what he called the "Four Olds" of the Nationalist government: Old habits, old ideas, old culture (including religions), and old customs.

His approach was simple but brutal, burn the old house down and start again with the brainwashed youth.

The Great Leap Forward, a failed agricultural program, lasted from 1958 to 1962. It resulted in 30 to 40 million Chinese dying of mass starvation.

Adding to the misery of the Chinese people, particularly those who were landowners or educated, untold numbers were executed or placed in work camps where they often died from overwork and starvation.

For Lao Taitai's family members in Red China, it was devastating. Deprivation would likely account for Xiao Ming's diminutive size.

Then came the Cultural Revolution, an idea of Madame Mao.

The Cultural Revolution, lasting from 1966 to 1976, was conceived to purge political dissidents and the old culture of China and foster revolutionary values in Chinese youth.

The foot soldiers, called the Red Guard, consisted of relatively untrained and undisciplined high-school-age children, some as young as 12.

These fervent and brainwashed kids scoured the country, riding free on trains and buses. Their target was any vestige of the old China, including intellectuals, religious leaders and practitioners.

And, sometimes, owning a book or a musical instrument could result in severe beatings or death at the hands of these indoctrinated children.

Sometime in the 1990s, I interviewed a middle-aged Chinese woman; we'll call her Jade, who had been active in the Red Guards when she was 16 years old. She spoke candidly of her activi-

ties during the Cultural Revolution, which included all manner of brutality for the slightest infraction.

Jade's fervor for rectifying the past intensified after each engagement, as the young are prone to do.

Then one day, her superior officer, a woman barely a year older, ordered Jade to accompany a group of Red Guards to her hometown.

She told me that there was no way she could warn her parents and siblings and that she feared the worse for them.

Jade's zeal had dampened considerably.

Jade was forbidden to interfere with her fellow guards when they forcibly entered her parents' home.

She stood outside listening to the screams of her older sister's children.

She heard furniture being overturned and torn apart to find anything considered contraband, such as music records or a shred of western clothing.

Not finding immediately anything, they set about tearing down the interior walls, where they found several editions of Chinese classic books.

The Red Guards had found what they needed to justify and inflict further pain and humiliation. They beat her father senseless, then dragged her stoic and silent mother out into the middle of the cobblestone street.

Before continuing, Jade, who previously had not shown any emotion in telling this story, started wiping the tears from her eyes quickly and with sudden moves. It was clear Jade was not comfortable telling this part of the story.

It is strange how we can justify our actions, however monstrous until it hits home. For some, empathy is reserved only for themselves and their own.

Jade continued.

After some beating and kicking, the youngsters forced Jade's mother to lie in the hot sun of midday until the blistering sun went down. The only thing Jade could do to console her mother was to stand over her and provide a little shade.

These atrocities represented the China where Xiao Ming grew up. And, she often became the target of ridicule.

As a young woman, Xiao Ming was sometimes forced to sleep in a pigsty with warnings to the other villagers not to give her shelter or feed her.

At other times Xiao Ming and other family members would be paraded through the village bearing a wooden board attached to their backs. The board rose above the head and bore red Chinese characters denouncing them for their crimes against the socialist state.

All this humiliation was because her parents had land, money and an education before the revolution.

Xiao Ming had done nothing to earn such treatment; for Christ's sake, she was as innocent as a newborn baby.

When I met Lao Taitai at her hotel in Beijing, we laid out our plans for getting to the general area where we may find Xiao Ming.

Lao Taitai should have few problems traveling into restricted areas, although her

western dress and coiffure might give her away as a "foreigner."

As for me, I stuck out like a sleazily dressed prostitute in church – white, relatively tall, big nose and green eyes. (Not the prostitute, but me.)

And to make me even more distinct, most Chinese where we would be traveling had never seen a Caucasian before.

I had a student visa for Beijing but did not have the authority to travel as I pleased. I am not used to hiding, but I would soon be comfortable with it.

The first leg of our odyssey went smoothly. We managed to get an airline ticket to Shanghai.

The flight attendants were rude and treated the passengers like cattle. But when they asked Lao Taitai to change her ticketed seat, they found out they were no match for her; she remained in the seat beside me.

I later witnessed electric cattle prods being used on passengers lining up for tickets at a train station in Beijing.

"Flying the Friendly Skies" was not an option in the China of 1988.

From Shanghai, we took a 13-hour bus ride from hell over narrow mountainous dirt roads that clung tightly to the mountainside. On two occasions, passengers were ordered out of the bus to help pry and push rockslides off the road.

There were no windows in the bus, so with riding over dusty roads and every male passenger smoking cigarettes, nearly every passenger who wasn't smoking had their faces covered for the entire trip.

At one point, we rounded a corner, and sudden chatter came from the passengers in the front of the bus. We were coming up to a military checkpoint.

Lao Taitai grabbed my hand and pointed to the back of the bus, where the luggage was stored. With the help of a couple of passengers, I was pushed to the floor and covered with bags, suitcases and loose clothes.

A couple of soldiers boarded the bus and started demanding paperwork. From my vantage point on the floor of the bus, I could see their polished boots and the tips of their rifles.

I had heard stories of foreigners being thrown in a Chinese prison to never be heard from again. I could do nothing but hold my breath and hope that I didn't sneeze.

One pair of boots walked back to the pile of luggage and hesitated there for a minute or so examining a few pieces of luggage on top.

Satisfied that he had done his duty, the shiny black boots abruptly turned and proceeded to the front of the bus and down onto the dirt road.

In next week's episode of Finding Xiao Ming, Lao Taitai and I will find ourselves in a heavenly city with happy people and the best dumplings in the world.

I could have stayed there forever, but the next morning we began our search in the beautiful mountain country of Zhejiang Province.

Until next week,

Ken Springer

Ken1949bongo@gmail.com

Letters, from page 4

people, even when you disagree with them. Nevertheless, I always strived to hear people out, to not shut them down, to treat them with respect, and to thank them for their work making Pocahontas County a better place as they see it.

In recent Commission meetings, leaders of seven organizations that receive H/M tax allotments have discussed this year's H/M tax distribution, and have presented a plan to the commissioners to decrease their organizations' allotments in order to increase funding for EMS. In response, one of the commissioners has called them "greedy," and has intimidated them with language such as "there's going to be a shockwave" and "just stop the BS." These organi-

zations' leaders are good, honest, hard-working community members who don't deserve this kind of disrespect and hostility. It is perfectly reasonable for a commissioner to disagree on the particulars of H/M tax allotments; such decisions are their primary job. But it is out of line for a commissioner to be openly hostile. A commissioner must be kind, and show respect to, and gratitude for, the work done by others in the community, whether or not they agree with the value of that work.

Reduce their funding if you feel you must, but don't be mean to those who for years have worked and volunteered day-in and day-out to improve Pocahontas County for all.

It is important as H/M tax discussions go forward that the Commission adopt a respectful tone toward the leaders of the recipient organizations. Those leaders

Yours Truly,

David Fleming

Bartow

Mayor's, from page 4

Prayer and a vibrant economy can change things in a positive way. Part of Tourism has to do with getting people to our state for rest and recreation. Tourism can be the biggest red-carpet of all – because some will decide to stay.

In other happenings;

I received a call from Hillsboro last week asking if I (the Mayor of Marlinton) was outlawing chickens in the county? My answer was "No. I couldn't if I wanted to." You cannot keep chick-

ens in Marlinton, except by certain exception, but I like eggs too much to ever outlaw them. They wanted to hear it from the horse's mouth, and I said they must have been talking to the wrong end of the horse.

After hours traffic in and through Mountain View Cemetery has got to be stopped. Expect the gate to be locked in early evening. Hours and processes will have to be worked out, but be ready.

You may have noticed that the kiosk at the Greenbrier River Trail parking lot on Ninth Street was run over. Someone should have significant right side, front-end

damage to the responsible vehicle. I would pay \$50 for information that leads to a conviction.

Lastly, to whomever is in charge of the "Community to Make Marlinton Beautiful."

Please be advised that the Secretary of State "filing date of 1/27 for election" has a caveat – "unless different by Town Ordinance."

Marlinton Town Ordinance reads "The first Monday following the first Saturday in February, which is February 6, and by 4 p.m.

Note: the list of candidates is growing, and you have until next Monday to file.

Until next time...

Sam

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Cochran Creek Baptist Church, Rimel – Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Campbelltown Church, Marlinton – Worship 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.

Cook Town Community Church, Rt. 219 – Sunday

Marlinton First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Pine Grove Church of the Brethren, Arbovale – Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m.; Bible Study, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Seebert United Methodist Church – Sunday School every Sunday 9:20 a.m.; Worship second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m.

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Liberty Presbyterian, Green Bank – Worship at 11 a.m.

Dunmore United Methodist Church – Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 8 a.m.

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Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

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Claim Deadline: Monday, April 3, 2023

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ESTATE OF: BRUCE E. PROPP
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 27, 2023.
Melissa L. Bennett
Clerk of the Pocahontas County Commission
2/2/23

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF
POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

TO:
RICHARD ALLEN MCCARTY
Sanford Boggs Road
Marlinton, WV 24954
DOB: August 1, 2000

Magistrate Court Case No.: 22-D-89
Family Court Civil Action No.: 22-DV-74

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.

The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the protective order prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This Order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanc-

tions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

If appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of which may be obtained at the Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk's office.

This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until July 03, 2023.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order, pursuant to W. Va. § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date the Order was entered.

Issued this 25th day of January 2023 at 3:14 p.m.

Connie M. Carr
Pocahontas County Circuit Clerk
2/2/23

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION
IN THE FAMILY COURT
OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

ROBERT E. CAIN,
Petitioner
VS
R. C., JEANNEA CAIN,
POLLY MOORE, MARY KALISZEWSKI,
JOEY CAIN, DEBRA BEITEL,
CYNTHIA VEGAL, GREGORY CAIN
LISA SIEFRING, TIMOTHY CAIN,
Respondents

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR**

To the Above Named Respondent: **TIMOTHY CAIN**
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the address of **TIMOTHY CAIN** is unknown.

The court orders the parties to appear on the 3rd day of March 2023 at 1 p.m. at the location of Law Offices at 820 10th Avenue, Marlinton, WV, where a final hearing will be held on the Petition for Guardian/Conservator, at which time you may appear to protect your interest.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court January 27, 2023.

Connie M. Carr
Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County
By: Cindy D. Beverage, Deputy
2/2/23

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park Restaurant RFP

The West Division of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Section, will receive proposals from qualified prospective vendors for the operation of a restaurant concession located at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park.

Inquiries and requests for copies of the Request for Proposal should be directed to Superintendent Marshall Markley at 304-456-4300.

Deadline to request proposal is Saturday, February 11, 2023.

2/2/23

Public Meetings – 2023-2024 School Calendar

In accordance with West Virginia State Law, the Pocahontas County Board of Education is required to hold two public meetings with the purpose of discussing the school calendar for the 2023-2024 year.

The first of those public meetings will be held **Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Conference Room located at 404 Old Buckeye Road, Buckeye, WV.**

The second public meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Conference Room, as well.**

Parents, teachers, community members, business leaders and other interested parties are invited to attend the meetings, become informed of the state-required guidelines that we must follow and see a draft of the proposed calendar.

In addition, a calendar survey will be available on the Pocahontas County Schools website from February 1 through February 9 to allow comments on the proposed calendar.

1/26/23

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TOWN OF DURBIN****SANITARY AND STORM WATER UPGRADE PROJECT****General Notice**

THE TOWN OF DURBIN is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Sanitary and Storm Water Upgrade Project

Contract No. 1

Sealed Bids for the construction of Contract No. 1 will be received by the **Mayor** at the office of the **Town of Durbin, 4715 STAUNTON-PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE, Durbin, WV 26264** until 2:00 p.m. local time **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following work:

Furnishing all materials, labor, and necessary items for the construction and installation of approximately 12,700 LF of 8" sewer line; 1,500 LF of 10" sewer line; 78 manholes; 137 reconnections; 61 drop inlets; 6,000 LF varying size (12" to 36") CHDPE storm pipe and all other items and appurtenances as outlined in the Plans and Specifications.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **Contract No. 1**

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

E.L. Robinson Engineering Company

5088 Washington Street West, Charleston, WV 25313

Project Manager: Eric Coberly, Office: (304) 776-7473, Email: ecoberly@elrobinson.com

Bidders may examine and/or obtain the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at:

Town of Durbin, 4715 STAUNTON-PARKERSBURG TURNPIKE, Durbin, WV 26264

Contractor's Association of WV, 2114 Kanawha Blvd. East, Charleston, WV 25311

McGraw-Hill Dodge Reports, 3315 Central Ave., Hot Springs, AR 71913-6138

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$150.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within 10 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Non-Bidders, and Bidders who obtain more than one set of the Bidding Documents will receive a refund of \$75.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Bidding Documents may be purchased from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Cost does not include shipping charges. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents or electronic documents on compact disk will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method chosen. Bidding Documents are available for purchase in the following formats:

Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "**E.L. Robinson Engineering Company**". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Pre-Bid Conference

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the Town of Durbin office at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 9, 2023. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DBE REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder must fully comply with the requirements, terms, and conditions as set forth in the contract documents to achieve Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation during the performance of this contract. The bidder commits itself to the program for DBE participation and all other requirements, terms, and conditions of the bid conditions by submitting a properly signed bid.

The bidder agrees to make "good faith efforts" to sub-contract a portion of the total value of the contract to disadvantaged businesses. This shall be done in compliance with the six (6) good faith efforts as outlined in 40 CFR 31.36(e). Failure to demonstrate good faith efforts may lead to rejection of bids. For the purpose of this program, the term "subcontractor" includes all construction, modification, and service work contracted by the bidder in the execution of the work under this contract.

American Iron and Steel

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:

De Minimis,

Minor Components,

Pig iron and direct reduced iron, and

Bidders must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Copeland Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, and the West Virginia Jobs Act (West Virginia Code § 21-1C-1).

All Bidders must hold a current WV Contractor License on the date of Bid opening. Any Contractor submitting a bid on this project hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he/she has a license and meets all the qualifications required by the statutes of the State of West Virginia, and subdivision in which the work is to be performed. Note that the bid hold time is 90 days.

"Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications."

Town of Durbin

1/26/23

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS****NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until **MARCH 14, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.** (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project (s):

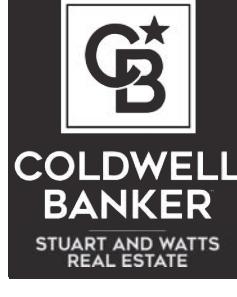
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Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractor's license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check or Certified Check for \$500.00 or 5% of total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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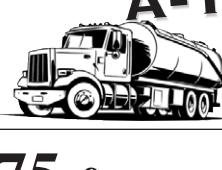
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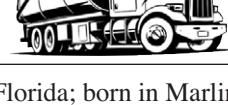


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DEATHS

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which red clover was discovered growing in Indian times. The Indians said that it was a sign of war. Poage's Lane community, so called for a short lane caused by fences on both sides of the road through the farm of Col. Woods Poage. Edray, town and district, from the Bible, Edrei, meaning a strong fortified place. Onoto, name picked out of a current magazine from Onoto Wantano, a talented Japanese woman writer. Woodrow, named in honor of the inventor of the League of Nations. Marlinton, from Jacob Marlin, the first English settler west of the Allegheny mountain.

Greenbank, town and district, so called from a low long green natural embankment bordering the first terrace of the Deer Creek Bottom. Dunmore, compos-

ite name of the Dunn family and Moore family, early settlers. Has nothing to do with Lord Dunmore, colonial governor of Virginia. Frost, fanciful name for a town in a county that somewhere or other has a frost every month in the year. Knapps Creek, from an old settler, formerly called Ewings Creek from the first settler. Minnehaha Springs, laughing water, so called from a very large, clear, beautiful spring. Sunset, so called because just east of the mountain dividing the two places is the post office of Sunrise.

Huntersville, so called because it was the original trading post for the Greenbrier valley. First county seat and the name of the district.

Buckeye, from the tree of that name. Swago creek, from the Oswego Indians. Also name of nearby mountain. Beaver Dam, at the head of Williams river, signs of immense beaver dam.

Cranberry river, so called

from the abundance of wild cranberries found at the head of Gladys Fork. Cranberry glades or bog, a remarkable formation in the hollow of the hills presenting the appearance of a great cleared farm from the tops of mountains overlooking the curious wilderness sight. This was in comparative recent geological times a fine mountain lake, but the lake having been infected with sphagnum moss was transformed into a bog. This moss grows on top of the water and its leaves break and fall in the still water and fill up the bed until it becomes a quaking bog, and a spongy mass. It is in the process of peat formation, but as long as it is impregnated with water, it is in a half liquid form. The thick moss on top enables a person to walk over the surface, but he sinks to his shoe tops, and the mass is agitated for many feet around...

To be continued...

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Five Generations



HAROLD CRIST, OF Arbovale, traveled to Richmond, Virginia, January 14 to meet his first great-great grandchild—a boy, named Milo Grey Castelow. Milo was born December 12, 2022 to Harold's great-granddaughter, Sydney (Ian). Milo is also the first great-grandchild of Harold's son, Bob, and wife, Cathy, who hosted the gathering.

Five generations pictured, l to r: Harold Crist, age 98; great-granddaughter Sydney Castelow and son, Milo; son, Bob Crist, and grandson, Matt Crist.

Also present at the gathering were five of Harold Crist's six children, Bob Crist, Mike Crist, Renae Wooddell, Anita Watson and Betty Ann Doyle; four grandchildren, Matt (Chris) Crist, Brad (Jill) Crist, Staci Hamilton (Mark White), Jason (Colleen Bradley) Watson; and four other great-grandchildren, Heidi Crist, Nolan Crist, Ryan Crist and Cooper Hamilton.

Marlinton Middle School Academic Achievers

Sixth Grade Principal's List: 4.0 GPA

Madeleine Burns, Silas Dean, Zara Fanning, Khloe Gainer and Hailey Goldsberry.

Honor Roll: 3.75-3.99

Izabella Barr, Tyler Friel, Eli Beezley, Kylie Underwood, Chloe Annett, Izabella Arbogast, Lily Barr, Eowyn Smith and Joey McClure.

Merit Roll: 3.5-3.74

Julia Brown, Sydney Sli-fer, Elizabeth Strader, Ezra Lee.

Bond, Amelia Hicks, Levi Hill and Cade Wagner.

ciano, RT Hill, Taylor Trainer, Sherry Walker and Harmony Thompson.

Seventh Grade Principal's List: 4.0 GPA

Savana Sharp, Willa Hardy and Irelyn Withers.

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Lexie Burdette and Eli Lee.

Merit Roll: 3.5-3.74

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Reeanna Alderman, Dom- inick Barnes, Hailley Hoke, Emma Sacca, Rya Barlow, Natalee Sewell, Adele Fru-

Shelter News



a bit shy at first. She has had her shots and been spayed and is ready to settle into a new place. Those eyes let you know she wants more than this cage can offer.



BABY, AT RIGHT, is a very sweet girl about five or six years old and missing the comforts of a home. Just look at those big eyes! Baby likes to be indoors—but don't put her in a corner.

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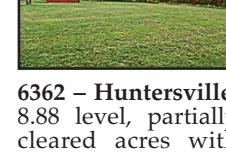
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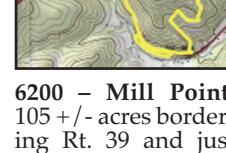
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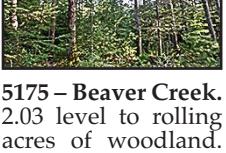
LISTINGS



6362 – Huntersville. 8.88 level, partially cleared acres with good access. Room for a few horses. Close to Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River Trail and Knapps Creek. – \$69,000



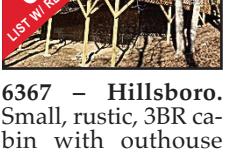
6200 – Mill Point. 105 +/- acres bordering Rt. 39 and just steps from huge section of national forest. Nice mountain views. Near Cranberry Glades and the Highland Scenic Highway. – \$235,000



5175 – Beaver Creek. 2.03 level to rolling acres of woodland. Lot 4. Nice building sites. Near Watoga State Park, Greenbrier River and Trail and Knapps Creek. Seller wants offers. – \$29,900



6447 – Seebert. 2BR/1BA cottage with wraparound deck and covered front porch. Sits on 1.5 acres, within 1/2 mile of the Greenbrier River and Trail. Near Watoga State Park and Lake. – \$109,000



6367 – Hillsboro. Small, rustic, 3BR cabin with outhouse on two private acres. Short drive to area attractions, such as Cranberry Glades, Watoga State and Beartown State parks. – \$68,000



6439 – Bartow. 2BR/1BA camp with good access off of Rt. 250. Near the East Fork of the Greenbrier River, Little River, Spruce Knob, and national forest. – \$38,500



6213 – Bartow. 1970s style service station with two-bay garage and office on US Rt. 250. Great investment. Needs a little TLC to get it up and running. – \$69,900



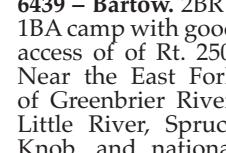
6214 – Mill Point. 3.3 wooded acres with fantastic views. Comes with one-year hunting lease on 400 acres. Near national forest. – \$21,000



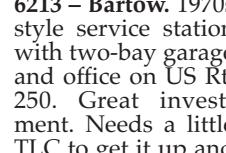
6201 – Mill Point. 71 acres with small stream, spring and small pond, large hay field, nice views and easy access. – \$249,000



6410 – Huntersville. Unique 4BR/1BA home and a 5BR/2BA lodge on 1.5 acres bordering national forest. Great recreational business opportunity. Close to hiking, fishing and hunting. – \$250,000



6441 – Hillsboro. Home with great potential located in town. Excellent large lot with garage. – \$150,000



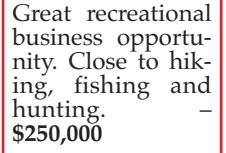
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6387 – 2BR/2BA home at the base of Snowshoe Mountain. Overlooks the greens of Raven Golf Course. – \$255,900



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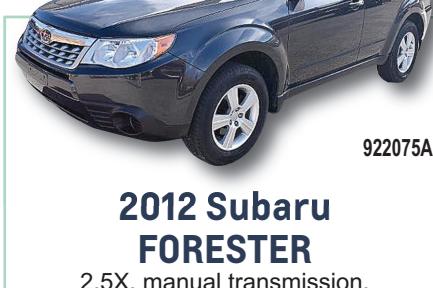
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